PLANT FACT SHEET

Canarium madagascariense Engl.

GENUS *Canarium* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Ramy

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seed

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It has a straight trunk. It grows 12-35 m tall. The trunk can be 2 m across. It often has buttresses. The bark is rough and grey. The leaves are 50 cm long and have an odd number of leaflets. There are 9-11 leaflets. The leaf stalk is 5 cm long. The leaflets are 15 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are oblong to heart shaped. They taper to the tip. They are hairy underneath. The flowers are white and in groups. The fruit are oval and 4 cm long. They are purple. The hard shell of the seed is often 3 sided.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the lower mountain forest. It is often on sandy soils in shallow river valleys. It grows between 5-300 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 10-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Fresh seed should be used, as seeds do not store well.

NOTES

It is becoming a rare species.

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